



Nebraska Judicial Profile 2010

Honorable Michael L. Offner

Judgeship

2001 – present

Judge of the County Court, 10th Judicial District

(Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, & Webster counties)

2004 – 2005, 2009 – 2010

Presiding Judge of the 10th Judicial District, County Court

Experience

1978 - 2001

Red Cloud, NE

Private practice of law

1983 – 2001

Red Cloud, NE

Webster County Attorney's Office, county attorney

1981 – 2001

Midland Area Agency on Aging, legal services attorney

1988 – 2001

Blue Hill, NE

City Attorney

Education

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1977

Juris Doctorate

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1975

Bachelor of Arts

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

10th Judicial District Bar Association

Nebraska County Judges Association

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Pro Se Committee

National Reunification Day, host judge, 2010

South Central Nebraska Foster Youth Council, lead judge, 2009 – present

Court Representative appointed by UNK Chancellor to the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council, University of Nebraska-Kearney, 2008 - present
 Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, member, 2008 – present
 Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, lead judge 10th District-Webster County, 2006 – present
 Adoption Day Committee, lead judge 10th Judicial District, 2005 – present
 Juvenile Court Review Panel, 2004 – present

Community Activities Fillmore County Government Day Mock Trial Competition, volunteer judge, 2005 – present

Honors and Awards **Nebraska Supreme Court Outstanding Judge**
2009 recipient, Outstanding Judge for Service to the Judiciary Award. Outstanding Judge is the highest honor given by the Chief Justice to recognize members of the judiciary for meritorious projects and exemplary accomplishments that enhances the vision of justice within Nebraska communities.

Mary L. Buford Legal Services Award for outstanding services to elderly Nebraskans, presented by the Nebraska Department of Aging, 1992

Teaching & Publishing **Organizing Judge**, Through the Eyes of the Child Lecture Series, “Improving Outcomes for Older Youth,” Hastings, 2010
Speaker, Technology in Rural Courts, 2010
Speaker, “A Network Approach,” Improving Rural Courts Seminar, 2009
Panelist, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Regional Conference, 2008
Panel Speaker, District & county Judges Fall Educational Meeting, 2006
Panel Speaker, Leadership Program of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, 2005 – 2008, 2010
Annual Speaker, various area County Government Days and High School Government Classes, 2004 – present
Speaker, Nebraska CASA Association Annual Volunteer Conference, 2003